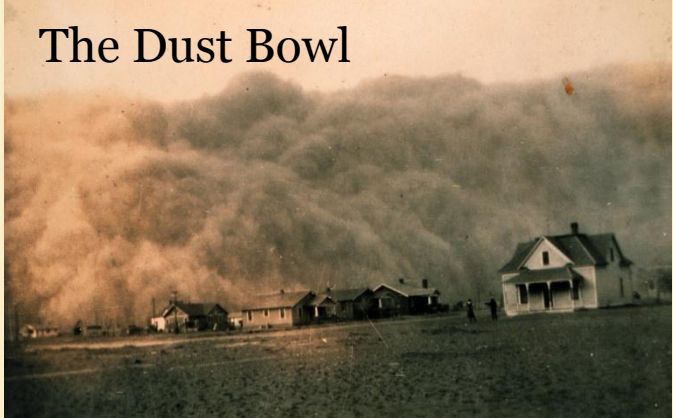
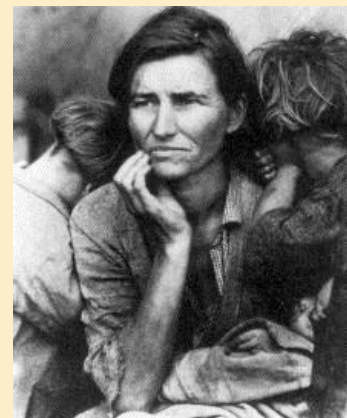


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Poverty of the Great Depression

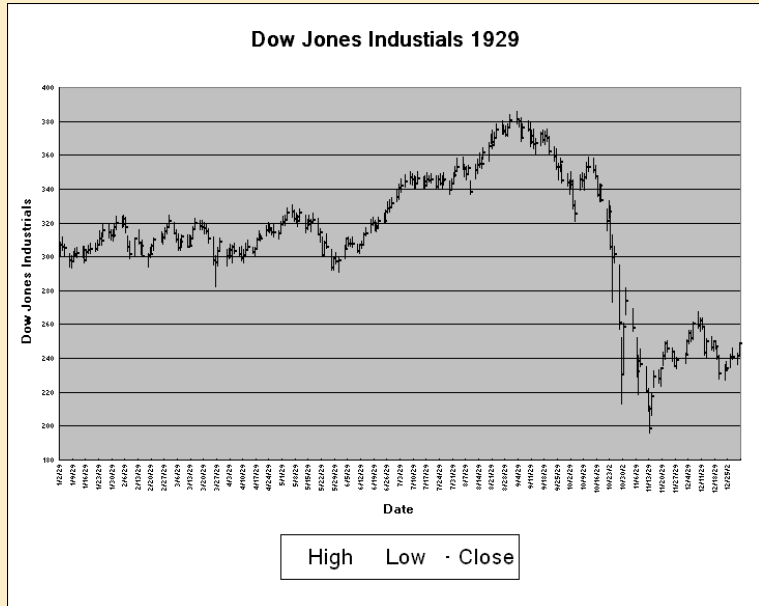


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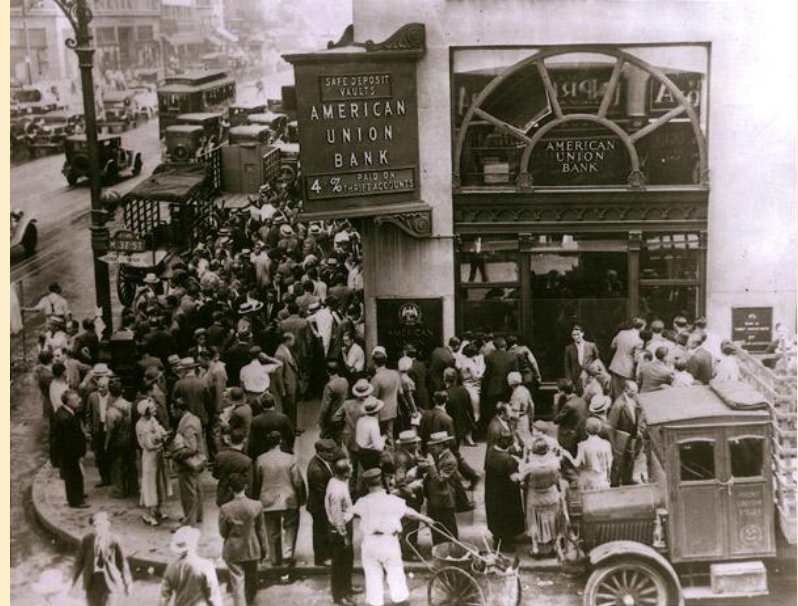
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The Market Crash of 1929



The Bank Run





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- Does October 29, 1929 sound familiar?
- “Black Tuesday”
- Led to the Great Depression
- Problems compounded by the Dust Bowl
- Joshua is at the end of his days and he looks back because he wants those around him to finish well



Choice & Service: Joshua 23-24

- Joshua gives several things to defend against
- **Joshua 23:6** (English Standard Version)
⁶Therefore, be very strong to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right hand nor to the left,



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- 1) Not doing what you know
- The Law didn't leave a lot to wonder about...
- The same is true for us but we have more content!
- What do you know that you're not doing?



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- **Joshua 23:7** (English Standard Version)
7 that you may not mix with these nations remaining among you or make mention of the names of their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them,



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- 2) Leaving God for false idols
- Cling: To pursue until you catch
- Yahweh: A personal and relational God
- Elohim: Powerful ruler God
- Pursue God who has created a relationship with us in Christ and then hold onto Him



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- **Joshua 23:11** (English Standard Version)
¹¹ Be very careful, therefore, to love the LORD your God.



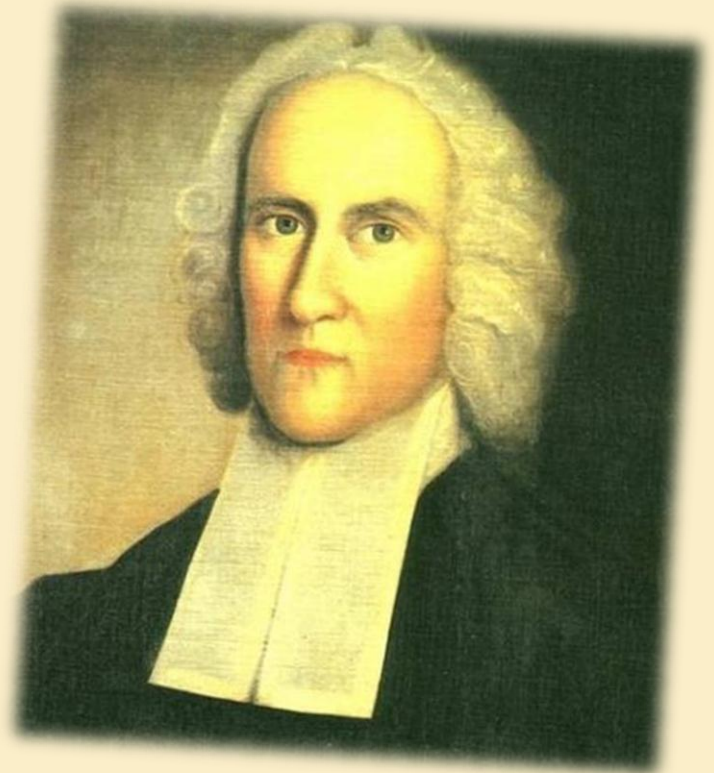
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- 3) Loving something less more than God
- Why love God at all?
- Because He wants us to be happy!
- There's nothing in the universe more wonderful than God
- When we love Him we share in His happiness
- Because He is pleased when we love Him for His greatness
- Because loving anything less than God is sin



Choice & Service: Joshua 23-24

- How do we love God?
- "To live with all my might, while I do live." ~Jonathan Edwards





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- **Joshua 23:12-13** (English Standard Version)
¹²For if you turn back and cling to the remnant of these nations remaining among you and make marriages with them, so that you associate with them and they with you,
¹³know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations before you, but they shall be a snare and a trap for you, a whip on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good ground that the LORD your God has given you.



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- 4) Forgetting to look back
- Look back to:
 - 1) Remember God's power
 - 2) Remember God's salvation
 - 3) Rest in God's sovereignty
- How many things in your life should have meant disaster and extermination?
- We look back and see that they are purifying, faith-producing, God-glorifying



Choice & Service: Joshua 23-24

- **Joshua 24:14-15** (English Standard Version)
¹⁴"Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."



Choice & Service: Joshua 23-24

- Joshua is driving us to 2 things: Decision and Service
- 1) Make a choice
- No middle ground or division
- Don't be afraid to be in the minority
- Start a path of bold decisiveness public in nature and effect



Choice & Service: Joshua 23-24

- 2) Serve
- 7 times in 2 verses
- Service to Joshua meant battle and sacrifice...committed deeds!
- It must for us too, or we should have no time for it.



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- 3) Graves:
- Joshua ⇔ Joseph ⇔ Eleazar
- They had made their decisions and God proved powerful and faithful
- Their bones cry out, "Decide and serve!" and "I told you so!"



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- There are decisions to make...NOW...
TODAY...
- Pick a god and serve it
- Who or what is unduly influencing your decisions?
- Understand what you are choosing between
- Serve God today

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- Main Religion: Islam
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